

APPENDIX

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19. (Amended) A [The] belt [of claim 1,] for a material web producing machine,
comprising:

a plurality of long-chain strength supports composed of a metallic material and
arranged to form interstices; and

a filler at least partially filling the interstices to make said belt fluid impermeable,
wherein the belt comprises a surface which substantially comprises the long-chain
strength supports.

21. (Amended) A [The] belt [of claim 1,] for a material web producing machine,
comprising:

a plurality of long-chain strength supports composed of a metallic material and
arranged to form interstices; and

a filler at least partially filling the interstices to make said belt fluid impermeable,
wherein the belt comprises a smooth surface which substantially comprises the long-
chain strength supports covering the filler.

22. (Amended) A [The] belt [of claim 1,] for a material web producing machine,
comprising:

a plurality of long-chain strength supports composed of a metallic material and
arranged to form interstices; and

a filler at least partially filling the interstices to make said belt fluid impermeable,
wherein the belt comprises a screen.

24. (Amended) A [The] belt [of claim 1,] for a material web producing machine,
comprising:

a plurality of long-chain strength supports composed of a metallic material and
arranged to form interstices; and

a filler at least partially filling the interstices to make said belt fluid impermeable,
wherein the belt comprises an interwoven sheet of the long-chain strength supports.

37. (Amended) A [The] process [of claim 36,] for producing a belt, comprising:
forming a sheet from a plurality of long-chain strength supports composed of a
metallic material, the sheet comprising a plurality of interstices disposed between the long-
chain strength supports, the forming comprising weaving the long-chain strength supports;
and

filling at least a portion of the interstices with a filler, whereby the sheet is made fluid
impermeable,

wherein the weaving density is adjustable based upon a desired surface requirement.